

Tree register grows to include city giants

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TOOWOOMBA, Ravensbourne and Roma have been included on the National Register of Big Trees and co-ordinator Derek McIntosh is hoping Darling Downs residents will nominate their own local big trees.

"There must be more national champion trees in the Toowoomba area," Mr McIntosh said.

"I'm hoping people can become aware of the register and nominate trees from their area."

Three of Toowoomba's big trees, including a 23m-tall camphor laurel and 31m-tall kauri pine in Queens Park and a 26-metre redwood have made the site's list of Australia's largest trees of a particular species.

Ravensbourne's submissions include 59m Sydney blue gum and a 48m tallowwood, both found at the Cloudlake Mountain Retreat.

Roma's only entry is the 16m Queensland narrow-leaf bottle tree found in Edward Street.

The website is available at www.nationalregisterofbigtrees.com.au

Darling Downs residents can nominate their big trees by clicking on the "tree nomination" tab on the site, downloading and completing nomination form and sending it the address stated on the site.

Points are awarded on the basis of a formula that includes girth, height and crown spread.



The redwood tree in Queens Park.



The camphor laurel tree in Queens Park.



The kauri pine tree in Queens Park.

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